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LOCAL GOVERNMENT & SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY GROUP FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Yates, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Chairman
Paul Avila, P.B.A. & Associates
Geoffrey Blake, Metal Finishers of Southern California/All Metals
Daniel Cunningham, Metal Finishing Association of Southern California
Jacob Haik, Office of School Board Member Richard Vladovic
Maria Elena Kennedy, Kennedy Communications
Rita Loof, RadTech International

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ronald Loveridge, AQMD Governing Board Member, LGSBA Vice Chairman
Greg Adams, L.A. County Sanitation District
Felipe Aguirre, Vice Mayor, City of Maywood
Luis Ayala, City of Alhambra
Todd Campbell, Clean Energy
Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council
Samuel Garrison, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Angelo Logan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Mary Ann Lutz, City of Monrovia
Kelly Moulton, Paralegal
Steve Mugg, South Orange County Representative, City of Mission Viejo

OTHERS PRESENT:

Earl Elrod, Board Member Assistant (*Yates*)
Jessica Duboff, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

AQMD STAFF:

Alan Caldwell, Community Relations Manager
Philip Crabbe, Community Relations Manager
Anupom Ganguli, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer/Public Advisor
Carol Gomez, Planning & Rules Manager
Kathryn Higgins, Program Supervisor
Henry Hogo, Asst. Deputy Executive Officer
John Kampa, Financial Analyst
Lori Langrell, Secretary
John Olvera, Principal Deputy District Counsel
Greg Ushijima, Air Quality Engineer II
Jill Whynot, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order/Opening Remarks

Dr. Anupom Ganguli called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. as Chair Yates was held up in the Administrative Committee meeting.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of June 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes/Review of Follow-Up/Action Items

Dr. Ganguli called for approval of the meeting minutes.

The July 16, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

Action Item: Provide to LGSBA members the Pilot Study Report on the High Performance Air Filtration systems.

✓ The report was provided as a handout at the meeting. Completed.

Agenda Item #3 –Report on Natural Gas Fueling Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Rule 1193 – Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection Vehicles

Mr. Henry Hogo gave a presentation on Natural Gas Fueling Infrastructure to Support the Implementation of Rule 1193 – Clean On-Road Residential and Commercial Refuse Collection Vehicles.

Mr. Geoff Blake asked where propane fueled vehicles fit into fleets. Mr. Hogo replied that propane engine production just started up again in the last year as the other engines could not meet certification levels, and the propane refilling infrastructure was more widespread since there are a lot of propane tanks for users throughout the region. Mr. Blake asked what the potential for growth is in the future. Mr. Hogo replied that there may be growth, but not at the same pace as the demand is less. He added that there is no measurable benefit in greenhouse gas emissions with propane.

Ms. Maria Elena Kennedy asked if there are any natural gas fueling infrastructure initiatives for the private sector to help consumers. Mr. Hogo replied that the AQMD has an iPhone app to locate fueling stations, but also recognizes that there are not enough stations in the area. He added that home fueling stations are also available for the consumer. Ms. Kennedy asked if there are any tax credits available. There is a fuel tax credit for businesses, and the fuel providers have a tax credit as well, resulting in natural gas costs lower than gasoline.

Mr. Paul Avila asked whether industrial equipment are now made to run on natural gas or if older models can be retrofitted to natural gas. Mr. Hogo replied that most forklifts run on propane, and added that there are also electric models.

Mr. Jacob Haik asked if the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) can partner with the AQMD to add public access to fueling stations. Mr. Hogo indicated that the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee will be soliciting fueling station projects over the coming months, and LAUSD can submit a bid for that solicitation. Dr. Ganguli added that LAUSD could approach the City of Los Angeles administration for Assembly Bill (AB) 2766 funding.

Ms. Rita Loof asked if the AQMD could place a link to forms on the website regarding available tax credits. Mr. Hogo replied that staff will consider the suggestion, and also commented that many tax credits can be applied on one form.

Agenda Item #4 – Proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets

Ms. Jill Whynot gave a presentation on proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas emission reduction targets.

Ms. Loof asked if there are consequences if metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) do not achieve regional targets. Ms. Whynot replied, they are a regulatory target setting strong goals, but she is not aware of any sanctions or consequences to not meeting the target.

***Action Item:** Ms. Whynot to provide information regarding possible sanctions for not achieving regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets created pursuant to SB 375.*

***Staff response:** Senate Bill (SB) 375 will require regional targets that MPOs will strive to meet through Sustainable Communities Plans or Alternative Planning Strategies. Regional targets are periodically reviewed and revised. SB 375 does not have specific penalties or sanctions if targets are not met. However, streamlined California Environmental Quality Act review for Greenhouse Gas projects would not be available if targets are not met. The MPOs may also not be as competitive for transportation funding.*

Agenda Item #5 – Annual Report on AB 2766 Funds from Motor Vehicle Registration Fees for FY 2008-2009

Ms. Kathryn Higgins provided a presentation on the Annual Report on AB 2766 Funds from motor vehicle registration fees for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

Mr. Haik asked if the \$14.8 million in funding for “LA” meant Los Angeles County, or the City of Los Angeles. Ms. Higgins replied that it relates to all cities within LA County. Mr. Haik further asked whether it has been determined how the funds are allocated. Dr. Ganguli replied that it is allocated by population.

Ms. Kennedy asked what will happen to these funds if AB 32 is repealed. Ms. Higgins replied it will have no effect. Dr. Ganguli added that AB 2766 was adopted in 1990 and is meant to be used in the reduction of emissions from mobile sources.

Agenda Item #7 – Monthly Report on Small Business Assistance Activities

No comments.

Agenda Item #8 – Update on Climate Change Activities (Written Report)

Ms. Jill Whynot provided a written report on climate change activities.

Agenda Item #9 - Other Business

Dr. Ganguli announced that the Clean Air Awards were coming up on October 1, 2010, and that all LGSBA Advisory Group members are invited to attend as our guest. He added that additional tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$40.00.

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comment

No comments.

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.